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Applicant: Mark Bobrow

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Title: HYDROLYTIC SUBSTRATES FOR AN ANALYTE-DEPENDENT ENZYME
ACTIVATION SYSTEM

**COMMENTS ON THE WRITTEN OPINION OF
THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY**International Bureau of WIPO
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Dear Sirs:

Applicant submits the following comments on the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority mailed 16 February 2005, in connection with this application.

Applicant respectfully submits that there is an error in the statement, Section 1, of the Written Opinion. In the Section 1 statement, under the caption "Novelty (N)" in the line reading: "Claims _____ YES," the blank is filled in to read "NONE" thereby indicting that none of the twenty pending claims meet the standards for novelty. The following line reading: "Claims _____ NO," is filled in to read "15-18 and 20."

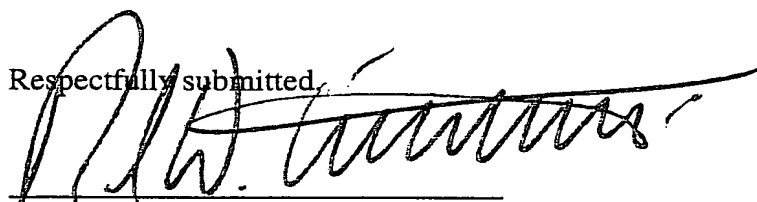
Section 2 captioned "Citations and Explanations" in subparagraph a) states that claims 15-18 and 20 lack novelty. The subparagraph goes on to explain the basis for this opinion. There is no discussion of any lack of novelty with regard to claims 1-14 and 19. Applicant respectfully submits that the statement in Section 1 should reflect that claims 1-14 and 19

meet the standards for novelty. Applicant notes for the record that this is in accord with the International Search Report Section C which asserts that claims 15-18 and 20 are lacking in novelty in view of the cited prior art reference of Tsai et al.

Applicant also notes for the record that the section of the statement labeled "Inventive Step (IS)" also references claims 1-18 and 20 as lacking in inventive step, while subparagraphs b)-c) of Section 2 "Citations and Explanations" state that claims 1-20 are lacking in inventive step.

In order to avoid confusion in subsequent prosecution, Applicant respectfully requests that the Written Opinion be corrected.

Respectfully submitted,



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